LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members t|iat a fax message has been received from Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy stating that he is unable to attend the House due to some unavoidable circumstances. He has, therefore, requested for grant of Leave of Absence from the 27th November to 8th December, 2006 of the current Session of the Rajya Sabha.

Does he have the permission of the House for remaining absent from the 27th November to 8th December, 2006, of the current Session of the Rajya Sabha?

(No hon. Member dissented.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted. *...(Interruptions)...*

RE: DEMAND FOR AN EXPLANATION FORM PRIME MINISTER ON CONVICTION OF A CABINET MINISTER—*Contd.*

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (**श्री सुरेश पचौरी**) : आज इतने महत्वपूर्ण विषयों पर चर्चा होनी है ...(**व्यवधान**)... आज के लिस्ट ऑफ बिज़नेस में हैं ...(**व्यवधान**)... माननीय सदस्य इस जैसे विषय को ...(**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK (Goa): Sir, please take up the Special Mentions. *...(Interruptions):..*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, Special Mentions *...(Interruptions)...*

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज (मध्य प्रदेश) **:** जब तक सदन आर्डर में नहीं हो तब तक सदन नहीं चल सकता है । ...(**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Sir, Please take up Special Mentions. *...(Interruptions)...*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We will take it up later on. *...(Interruptions)...*

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : हमारी थोडी सी बात है कि प्रधान मंत्री जी आएं ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री उपसभापति : गवर्नमेंट मौजूद है । ...(**व्यवधान**)...

The House is adjourned till 2.00 p.m.

The House then adjourned at nine minutes past twelve of the clock.

The House reassembled at two of the clock,

[MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.]

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Reduction in prices of Petroleum Products

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Statement by Minister *...(Interruptions)...* Mr. Murli Deora. *...(Interruptions)...*

श्री एस. एस. अहलुवालिया (झारखंड) : उपसभापति महोदय । ...(**व्यवधान**)... उपसभापति महोदय, सुबह सदन की कार्यवाही प्रश्न काल के बाद स्थागित हो गई थी । ...(**व्यवधान**)... महोदय, प्रधान मंत्री जी सदन में आकर जो सवाल नेता प्रतिपक्ष ने उठाए हैं, उनके बारे में बताएं । ...(**व्यवधान**)...

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table of House a statement regarding prices of petroleum products.

श्री एस. एस. अहलुवालिया : वह सदन में आकर इसके बारे में बताने की कृपा करें । ...(**व्यवधान**)...

MESSAGE FROM LOK SABHA

The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2006

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I have to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of Lok Sabha:—

> "In accordance with the provisions of rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to inform you that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on the 28th November, 2006, agreed without any amendment to the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2006, which was passed by Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 21 st August, 2006."

Sir, I lay a copy of the Bill on the Table.